

Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation Day

Presented by Councilmember Monica Montgomery Steppe

November 6, 2021

WHEREAS, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association was originally established in 1976 as the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County (ABASDC); **and**

WHEREAS, in 1982, under the presidency of Daniel Weber, ABASDC formally changed its name to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association in recognition of the Honorable Earl B. Gilliam, the first African American United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of California, and the first African American to serve as a San Diego County Superior Court Judge; **and**

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Board and the members of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association voted to split the organization into two separate entities to better serve the community; **and**

WHEREAS, for over forty years, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association has been dedicated to advancing African Americans in the legal community, promoting diversity, and ensuring social justice for all; **and**

WHEREAS, the new organization was named the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; **and**

WHEREAS, The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation exists primarily to provide support for diversifying the Legal community, which currently includes scholarships for law students and programs for African American Legal professions in growing as attorneys, obtaining and maintaining employment, developing private practice as sole practitioners or partners within law firms, advancing in public sector employment, and related efforts; **and**

WHEREAS, on Saturday, November 6, 2021, there will be a convening of the 45th Annual Scholarship Dinner and Installation of Officers, as the organization's largest fundraiser of the year; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim **November 6, 2021** to be "**Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation Day**" in the City of San Diego.